

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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John the Baptist had been now been imprisoned by Herod for some time. John baptized Jesus and heard the Father and saw the Holy Spirit descend on him. Why now do you think he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah or whether their was another to come? ([Matthew 11:2](#))

Why do you think John sent two disciples? ([Deuteronomy 19:15b](#))

Jesus instructed John’s disciples to report what they saw. Given the evidence of what they saw and the way Jesus spoke to them, why would that would be a decisive declaration to John? ([Matthew 11:4-6](#); [Isaiah 35:5-6](#); [Isaiah 61:1-3](#))

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If John was a prophet, were did he rank among them? How does John rank over all and why?

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What do you think is meant by Jesus words in [Matthew 11:12](#)?

Jesus identifies John as being whom? ([Matthew 11:13-14](#))

The phrase Jesus uses in [Matthew 11:15](#) is also repeated by Jesus in the book of Revelation. What does it mean to you? ([Jeremiah 5:18-31](#); [Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29](#); [Revelation 3:6, 13, 22](#))

Did the people of Israel try to impose their own expectations on John and Jesus? What does Jesus instruct them to use as the proper evidence of John and Jesus' purpose? ([Matthew 11:16-19](#))

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